THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Participation of Government departments in exhibitions organized by non-official agencies.

* 1321 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principle governing the participation of Government departments in exhibitions organized by non-official agencies;

(*b*) in how many exhibitions one or more Government departments participated during the last twelve months; and

(*c*) the expenditure incurred by each of the departments for participating in such exhibitions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A statement[a] containing the particulars is placed on the table of the House."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Is it not a fact that Government more frequently take part in exhibitions organized by a particular political party than in other cases? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think the statement placed on the table of the House warrants that conclusion."

Penalty for the cultivation of poramboke lands in the bed of the Willingdon Reservoir in Vriddhachalam taluk.

* 1322 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that ten times penalty was collected by the village officers of the Revenue Department from the villagers for having cultivated the poramboke lands in the bed of the Willingdon Reservoir in Vriddhachalam taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether the village officers have remitted the amount, so collected from the villagers, in full into the Treasury?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

" Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course " of the Annamalai University.

* 1323 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether those who got diploma in " Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course " after a course of instruction in the Annamalai University

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 597–599 infra.

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during the academic years 1945–48 and who were in the State Government service were relieved on the ground that the course is not recognized for service under the State Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" When the Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Course of the Annamalai University is not considered equivalent to that of the diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy, why was that course sanctioned in Annamalai University and why is it being pursued there? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Government accepted the view of the Madras Public Service Commission that the diploma in Minor Irrigation and Road Construction Course of the Annamalai University could not be considered as equivalent to the Lower Subordinate diploma of the College of Engineering, Guindy, and orders were issued accordingly. The overseers' course subsequently opened in the College of Engineering, Guindy, was of a higher standard than the Lower Subordinate Course of the College and was even considered almost equal to the L.C.E. diploma. Hence the question of recognizing the diploma of the Annamalai University in Minor Irrigation and Road Construction as equivalent to the Oversee's Course of the College of Engineering, Guindy, was not pursued.

" In the Public Works Department, 21 candidates possessing the diploma of the Annamalai University referred to were appointed as overseers or as draughtsmen. The qualification rule was relaxed in favour of 20 of them so as to enable their being appointed regularly. No candidate with the Minor Irrigation and Road Construction diploma of the Annamalai University was discharged from service in the Public Works Department for the reason that the qualification was not recognized.

" In the Highways department, 49 candidates with the diploma of the Annamalai University were appointed as temporary overseers against the posts of supervisors and 7 persons as draughtsmen, II grade. There are no posts of overseers as such in that department.

" Thus we are giving benefit to the people possessing the diploma of the Annamalai University in Minor Irrigation and Road Construction by relaxing our regulations. But when the University authorities and the Commission say that that course of the Annamalai University is lower than our course, we cannot help it."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 600 infra.